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1. ON JUNE 22, THE OPPOSITION AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT
PARTIES IN THE BUNDESTAG UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A
RESOLUTION STRESSING GERMAN INTEREST IN ACHIEVING
AN ACCEPTABLE REGIME FOR DEEP SEABED MINING. THE
RESOLUTION SETS FORTH CERTAIN BASIC PRINCIPLES:

A. ALL INTERESTED NATIONS ARE TO OBTAIN FREE
ACCESS TO DEEP SEABED RESOURCES WITHOUT
DISCRIMINATION:

B. THE INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL OF DEEP SEABED
MINING SHALL NOT LEAD TO DIRIGISTIC, BUREAUCRATIC
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OR MONOPOLISTIC OPERATION OF THE DEEP SEABED
REGIME. IT MAY NEITHER RESULT IN BURDENS TO THE
CONSUMER STATES NOR IMPEDE THE FLOW OF MODERN
TECHNOLOGY TO PRODUCER COUNTRIES;

C. MEASURES TAKEN BY A DEEP SEABED MINING AUTHORITY
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRODUCEABLE QUANTITIES

AND PRICES SHALL NOT RESULT IN UNREASONABLE DIS-
ADVANTAGES TO CONSUMER COUNTRIES, WHETHER THEY BE
DEVELOPING OR INDUSTRIAL STATES;

D. CONSIDERING THE LONG LEAD TIME FOR INVESTMENTS
IN DEEP SEABED MINING, THERE EXISTS A GENERAL
INTEREST IN DEFINITIVE DECISIONS TO FACILITATE
RAPID EXPLORATION OF MARINE COMMODITY DEPOSITS;

E. NEITHER THE FRG NOR THE OTHER PARTICIPATING
COUNTRIES CAN BE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT SOLUTIONS IN
WHICH THE FINANCIAL BURDENS ARE NOT IN AN ADEQUATE
RATIO TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC BENEFIT.

2. THE RESOLUTION ALSO CALLS FOR EFFORTS TO
COORDINATE DEEP SEABED MINING POLICY WITH EC
MEMBER STATES.

3. IN THE EVENT THAT THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED
IN ESTABLISHING A SEABED REGIME CANNOT BE OVERCOME,
THE RESOLUTION CALLS ON THE BUNDESTAG TO "EXAMINE
IMMEDIATELY WHETHER -- ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY --
ALTERNATIVE AND INTERIM SOLUTIONS MUST BE DEVELOPED
AS THEY ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION ALREADY IN SOME
COUNTRIES".

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4. THE FRG LOS STAFF HAS WELCOMED THIS RESOLUTION AS
AN INDICATION OF BROAD SUPPORT FOR FRG OBJECTIVES IN
COMMITTEE I. SINCE ALL PARTIES HAVE SUBSCRIBED
TO THIS RESOLUTION, THE POSSIBILITY OF DOMESTIC
POLITICAL CONFLICTS OVER DEEP SEABEDS SEEMS TO HAVE
BEEN ELIMINATED, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING.

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